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Timely Tidbits ...

Graduation Issue!

As their final days at Romulus High School draw to a close, members of the Class of 2007 (see page 4 for a complete list) have been recognized for a variety of achievements. Check out the story at right and our Awards Night article (pages 5–7) to learn more.

Pasta Dinner Benefits Police Officer's Son

A pasta dinner fund-raiser for Lucas Monte, the four-year-old son of Romulus Police Department Detective Joshua Monte, will be held from 5 to 9 p.m. on Friday, June 8, at St. Paul's Evangelical Lutheran Church (19109 Craig Street, New Boston).

Lucas was recently diagnosed with Medulloblastoma, a common malignant brain tumor in children.

Cash or check donations will be accepted at the door. Donations may also be made at Public Service Credit Union (7665 Merri-man, Romulus). For more information, call Terri (734-642-8298) or John (734-216-1753).

City Seeking Park Maintenance Workers

The City of Romulus Department of Parks and Recreation is now accepting applications for the part-time position of park maintenance worker. In order to qualify for the position, a person must:

- be a Romulus resident,
- have a valid driver's license,
- be able to stand/walk for long periods of time,
- be able to perform manual labor,
- be able to lift 50 pounds,
- be able to use basic tools,
- be able to work in inclement weather,
- be available to work 20–30 hours weekly, and
- be willing to work some week-end and holiday hours.

Applications may be obtained weekdays from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. at the Office of Human Resources in Romulus City Hall (11111 Wayne Road at Goddard). Deadline for applications is Monday, June 25.

Four Valedictorians Lead RHS Class of 2007



Jessica Mills



Jennifer Dick



Aurielle McCauley



Jessica Dick

Romulus High School's Class of 2007 produced four co-valedictorians who maintained a four-year grade point average of 4.00 or better. They are:

Jessica Mills

With a GPA of 4.1107, Jessica Mills set the standard for academic excellence. A National Honor Society member, she was also active in the RHS Marching Band and Pep Band, Drama Club, and Quiz Bowl Team, as well as the Band Boosters and Girl Scouts.

The daughter of Charles and Sandy Mills plans to attend Central Michigan University to major in music and political science in preparation for a career

as a composer after grad school.

Jennifer Dick

Jennifer Dick's 4.0909 GPA is especially impressive when you consider her busy schedule of participation in a variety of academic, music, and sports programs. A member of the National Honor Society, French Club, Quiz Bowl Team, Drama Club, Class Council, Student Government, and Symphonic Band, she also acted as a student representative for school visitors and played varsity softball, tennis, and volleyball.

Jennifer, who would like to pursue a career as a missionary/missions coordinator, plans to attend Grand Valley

State University and major in early childhood education and foreign languages. She is the daughter of Ronald and Debbie Dick.

Aurielle McCauley

National Honor Society member Aurielle McCauley maintained a GPA of 4.0790 while participating in varsity track & field and the AAU Michigan Accelerators Track Club.

The daughter of Francis and Ann McCauley plans to major in biology in the University of Pittsburgh's pre-medical program in preparation for a career as a pediatrician.

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Rudgate and Highland Estates Residents Now Have Opportunity To Attend Romulus Schools

Carl J. Weiss, superintendent of the Romulus Community Schools, has announced that the District will be expanding its Schools of Choice program for the 2007–2008 school year. Non-district residents will have an opportunity to enroll their children at Cory Elementary (north area), Halecreek Elementary (southeast area), Merriman Elementary (southeast area), and Romulus Middle School during the limited enrollment period of Monday, June 11, through Friday, June 29.

"We are pleased to offer our Schools of Choice program, and encourage people who live in Romulus but attend other school districts to carefully consider this opportunity," Weiss stated. "Romulus residents in the Rudgate and Highland Estates subdivisions have been making requests to attend Romulus schools for many years, and we are happy to be able to accommodate them at this time."

Weiss continued, "We know that there are a number of residents in both subdivisions who grew up in Romulus and who have really wanted to send their children to the Romulus Community Schools. Our 2007–2008 Schools of Choice program will give them this opportunity."

"I would also ask residents to encourage friends and relatives who do not reside in Romulus to consider our program."

The Romulus Schools of Choice program will feature five openings per grade (kindergarten through six) at each of the three participating elementary schools, as well as ten openings for seventh-graders at Romulus Middle School. According to Weiss, Romulus Schools of Choice students will benefit from:

- the District's strong curriculum, which has produced two State of Michigan Blue Ribbon Award winners;

- Michigan's best student-to-computer ratio (two to one);
- a cooperative arrangement with the Romulus Boys & Girls Club, which provides after-school educational and recreational activities until 8:30 p.m. for only \$30 per year;
- latchkey services starting at 7 a.m.;
- all-day kindergarten classes;
- science fairs at all schools;
- foreign-language classes beginning in grade 7;
- a State-acclaimed band program;
- state-of-the-art athletics facilities;
- a Presidential Award-winning Service Learning program;
- a Parent–School Compact that dramatically increased parents' volunteer work in the District;
- individualized student instruction in all-NCA accredited schools; and
- security camera systems at all District schools.

For more information, see page 3. □

Letters to the Editor

Editor's note: All letters to the editor MUST contain the writer's signature and a telephone number where he/she can be reached in order to verify the letter's authenticity.

Names will be withheld by request only in exceptional cases where, in our opinion, there is a legitimate reason to do so.

The Romulus News reserves the right to edit all letters for clarity and, if necessity, brevity.

Crout Should Resign

To the Editor (in response to the John Clark letter that appeared in "the little paper" on May 18, 2007):

I see that the Dumb and Dumber crew (Romulus City Councilman Harry Crout and Romulus resident John Clark) are still at it. Gee, you would think that they would learn by now to get their facts straight.

If Mr. Clark had researched any of the information that Councilman Crout had supplied, he would have found out the truth.

Mr. Clark complains that Romulus DPW foreman George Simko should drive his own vehicle to and from home and not use a City vehicle. He also alleges that Mr. Simko is not on the clock when he drives to and from work.

Well, here is the truth: yes there are three foremen, two of whom don't drive a City vehicle home. They elect not to for two reasons: first, they don't have room to park the vehicle at their home; second, they often do other things before going home. So they elect to drive their own vehicles, even when on call.

According to the manager of DPW, all rules and regulations are followed to the max. Mr. Simko uses a City vehicle to drive to and from home – yes, that is allowed. In addition, he may stop on the way home to pick up something needed for dinner that night as long as it does not take him out of his way.

All three foremen are paid to be on call; the other two elect to use their own vehicles when they need to drive to various locations to evaluate what type of equipment and how much manpower they will need to fix an emergency. Mr. Simko does the same; the only difference is that he drives a City truck, which shows homeowners that an official is on the scene and is making an evaluation.

Once a foreman determines what the problem is, he then proceeds to the DPW to make calls and gather the necessary men and equipment. Technically, because they are paid to be on call, the foremen are on the job the

minute they receive a call for assistance, even though they have not punched in at the DPW.

As a homeowner, I know that a faster response to a sewage-filled basement is more important than worrying about what vehicle the foreman is driving. I'm certain that Mr. Clark would not like to be standing knee-deep in raw sewage in his basement, any more than the rest of us. I would be willing to bet that he would complain the loudest if someone did not show up in a timely fashion.

It's a sad situation when we have a councilman, who cannot read, feeding misinformation to his buddy of over 30 years. What hurts the most is that they are both ignorant of the fact that they are destroying the image of Romulus.

Why would a company want to settle in our community and open a business when we have in office an uneducated individual who has been elected to oversee the safety and development of our community?

Councilman Crout should resign. Let's voice our displeasure at future Council meetings and let the D&D crew know we have had enough of their stupidity. You know I voted for the Councilman; had I known he was not qualified to hold the position, I would have cast my vote differently.

Todd Hauter, AO1 USN (retired)
Romulus

Plates Cost Taxpayers

To the Editor:

At the Romulus City Council meeting of May 18, 2007, I saw, in the warrants, a listing for a license plate that cost \$178. I asked Mayor Alan Lambert what vehicle that license plate belonged to, and he said he believed that it belonged to a police vehicle.

Council chairman Randy Gear asked Mayor Lambert to get back with me in the next day or two to identify the vehicle in question. It took the Mayor's office almost a week and a half to get back to me. Finally, the Chief of Staff called me and stated that the plate belongs to the vehicle driven by Economic Development director Tim Keyes.

There is no reason that the car driven by Mr. Keyes should not have a City "X" plate on it. (An "X" plate is sold by the State to every city for municipal use at a cost of \$13 for a lifetime. It never has to be renewed, and can be transferred to another City vehicle.)

I also asked the Mayor why Mr. Keyes drives a City vehicle for personal use at 5.5¢ per mile. Mayor Lambert stated that it is a condition of Mr. Keyes'

contract. Mr. Keyes is the highest paid employee in our city. He makes over \$90,000 per year, lives in Taylor, and drives a 4x4 GMC Yukon, fully loaded, at the taxpayers' expense.

At a prior Council meeting a number of months ago, Mayor Lambert was asked why there are City vehicles that don't have "X" plates. He replied that if the question was about his car, he didn't have an "X" plate because he didn't want people to think it's a police vehicle. Mayor Lambert, if you are really worried about people thinking that your car is a police car, you can put a "Mayor of Romulus" sticker in your back window.

It was also stated at the meeting that the plate on the Mayor's car cost \$13 just like an "X" plate. Mayor Lambert, that wasn't the truth. The plate on your car is a regular state license plate. You have to renew it every year at a cost of \$178, just like the plate on the vehicle driven by Mr. Keyes.

Mayor Lambert, there is no reason that you should not have an "X" plate on the City vehicle that you drive. Just like Mr. Keyes, you are driving a City vehicle

at 5.5¢ per mile for personal use. It comes out to less than a dollar per gallon for gas, leaving the taxpayers to pay the rest. You are the first mayor in the history of Romulus to drive a City vehicle for personal use, and you are also the first mayor in our history to give a City employee (Mr. Keyes) permission to use a City vehicle for personal use. When Bill Oakley was mayor, he drove his own pickup truck to City Hall, parked it, and then drove a City vehicle only when City business came up. At the end of the day, he parked the City vehicle and drove his own truck home. At least he always had the City's best interests at heart.

Mayor Lambert, you always say that you want to cut property taxes. To do that, you have to cut unnecessary spending first. Your license plate will expire in a few months. If you care about the taxpayers so much, put an "X" plate on the vehicles driven by you and Mr. Keyes, and save the taxpayers more than \$300 in the process.

John Clark
Romulus

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Attention Rudgate, Highland Estates, and All Other Romulus Residents

The Romulus school district will offer
**K-6 School of Choice programs at Cory (north), Halecreek (southeast),
and Merriman (southeast) elementary schools (5 openings per grade),
as well as at Romulus Middle School (10 openings in grade 7)**

Enrollment Period: June 11 through June 29, 2007

Romulus residents can encourage friends and relatives to utilize this opportunity to attend the Romulus schools. Rudgate and Highland Estates residents who live in Romulus can also take advantage of this program. The Romulus elementary curriculum has developed two State of Michigan Blue Ribbon Award-winning schools, and Romulus Middle School is noted for its innovative academic and traditionally strong band/athletic programs.

Take Advantage of Michigan's Top Technology and Child-care Programs

- The Romulus Community Schools' technology program features 1 computer for every 2 students (about 2,150 computers for 4,300 students) – by far the best ratio of computers to students in Michigan. This gives students the opportunity to develop computer literacy at an early age.
- The Romulus Community Schools' cooperative arrangement with the Romulus Boys & Girls Club provides weekday child-care opportunities until 8:30 p.m. for children age 6 and over for only \$30 per year. Students from the north- and south-side elementaries are transported to the Wick and Merriman club sites via district buses after school each day.
- The Romulus Community Schools' educational and athletic facilities are among the finest in southeast Michigan, and feature all air-conditioned buildings with telephone and internet access throughout.
- A total of 402 Romulus High School students have earned \$1,105,500 in Michigan Promise and MEAP (Michigan Educational Assessment Program) scholarships in the last 8 years.

Other District Highlights Include:

- NCA accreditation for all district schools
- Wayne County Elementary Teachers of the Year Gerilynn Kline (2005), Marilyn Wood (2006), and Kathy Hurst (2007)
- Three State of Michigan Golden Apple and two Blue Ribbon Award-winning Schools
- Three "A"-graded State of Michigan Education "YES" schools
- Two \$25,000 Milken National Excellence in Education Award winners
- All-day kindergarten classes throughout the district
- Numerous state educational awards

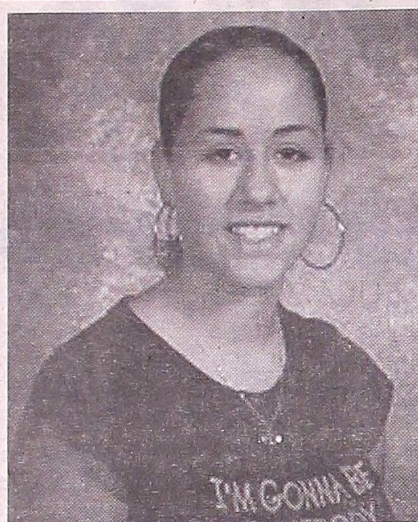
For School of Choice enrollment, district tours, and/or questions, contact **Carole Bales (734-532-1610)**, or visit the Romulus Community Schools Administrative Offices, located at 36540 Grant Road.
For virtual tours and further information, please visit www.romulusk12.com

RHS Class of 2007

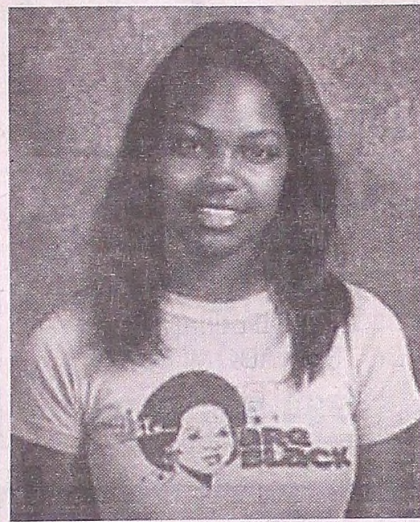
Best wishes to Romulus High School's Class of 2007. May your future be filled with success and happiness.

SHAWN ABNEY	BENNIE DICKERSON	ROBERT KUBICKI	ANGELICA ROGERS
SHON AGGISON	BILLY DIUGUID, JR.	THOMAS KUDERIK	LA'JOYA RUSH
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MAURICE ANDERSON	KEVIN DUNN	ASHLEY LATELY	ALEXANDER SAMPSON
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RONNICE BRADLEY	AUDREY GLENN	KRYSTAL McCLOUD	TARIQ STEVENSON
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KIARA CARTER	ERNEST HOLTON	TIFFANY PENN	KANDICE WELLS
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JOSHUA DEW	STEVEN KRASINSKI	JETAUN ROBINSON	ALESHIA WYATT
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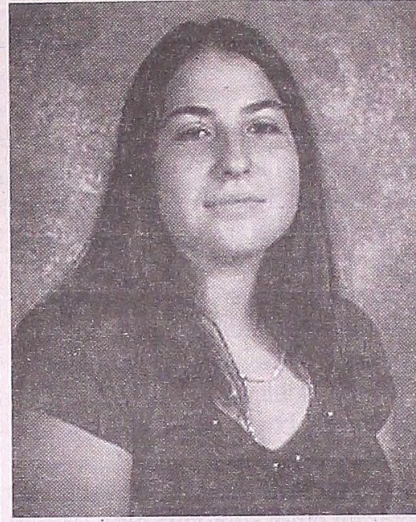
Awards Night Honors Best of RHS Class of 2007



Brittany Wright (class rank: fifth)



Jetaun Robinson (sixth)



Joy Jendritz (seventh)



Tara Campbell (eighth)



Amna Sheikh (ninth)

Romulus High School's annual Senior Awards Night program, held on May 16, recognized Class of 2007 members with outstanding achievements in academics, vocational subjects, music, and athletics, as well as recipients of various college, government, and private scholarships and grants.

Among the honorees were the 10 students who maintained the highest grade point average during their four-year high-school careers: co-valedictorians Jessica Mills (4.1107 GPA), Jennifer Dick (4.0909), Aurielle McCauley (4.0790), and Jessica Dick (4.0682), as well as Brittany Wright (3.9451), Jetaun Robinson (3.8765), Joy Jendritz (3.8395), Tara Campbell (3.8284), Amna Sheikh (3.8283), and Tamila Myles (3.8252). (See photos above and on Page 1).

Award recipients included:

Presidential Awards for Educational Excellence (GPA of 3.50 or better)

- Tara Campbell
- Katherine Cobb
- Jennifer Dick
- Jessica Dick
- Yetunde Emanuel
- Shalayia Frye
- Tiffany Gray
- Joy Jendritz
- Aurielle McCauley
- Jessica Mills

- Richelle Mortzfield
- Tamila Myles
- Jetaun Robinson
- Amna Sheikh
- Kevin Stobbe
- Erika Wasson
- Theresa Windom
- Brittany Wright

Presidential Awards for Educational Achievement (GPA of 3.00 to 3.49)

- Shon Aggison
- Andrew Boyd
- Brieana Bray
- Miguel Brewer
- Jason Britton
- Brittany Brown
- Akeem Burkes
- Jessica Chapman
- Shaylin Clark
- LaRhonda Colvin
- Daniel Cross
- Joshua Dew
- Jessica Donald
- Carissa Franklin
- Audrey Glenn
- James Hayes
- Edwina Jackson
- Antoine James
- Jessica James
- Sarah Johnson
- Joseph Kiesznowski
- Nicole Klages
- Krystal McCloud
- Monay Smith
- Jesse Spicer
- Patrick Sutter
- Dakota Watson
- Daryl Wilson
- Rachel Wilson
- Shakita Wilson
- Desirea Yates

Phi Beta Kappa Awards for Academic Achievement

- Tara Campbell
- Jennifer Dick
- Jessica Dick
- Joy Jendritz
- Aurielle McCauley
- Jessica Mills
- Jetaun Robinson
- Amna Sheikh
- Brittany Wright

Academic Honors Awards

Note: These students, who are listed in order of their academic standing, maintained a four-year grade point average of 3.0 or higher.

- Jessica Mills
- Jennifer Dick
- Aurielle McCauley
- Jessica Dick
- Brittany Wright
- Jetaun Robinson
- Joy Jendritz
- Tara Campbell
- Amna Sheikh
- Tamila Myles
- Katherine Cobb
- Kevin Stobbe
- Theresa Windom
- Tiffany Gray
- Yetunde Emanuel
- Shalayia Frye
- Erika Wasson
- Richelle Mortzfield
- Andrew Boyd
- LaRhonda Colvin
- Monay Smith
- Sarah Johnson
- Brittany Brown
- Joseph Kiesznowski
- Edwina Jackson
- Desirea Yates
- Carissa Franklin
- Dakota Watson
- Antoine James
- Shakita Wilson
- James Hayes
- Jason Britton
- Patrick Sutter
- Akeem Burkes
- Jesse Spicer
- Nicole Klages
- Shaylin Clark
- Jessica Chapman
- Miguel Brewer
- Audrey Glenn
- Daryl Wilson
- Rachel Wilson
- Krystal McCloud
- Jessica James
- Daniel Cross
- Brieana Bray
- Jessica Donald



Tamila Myles (tenth)

- Shon Aggison
- Joshua Dew

Departmental Awards

- Shon Aggison (outstanding senior project)
- Andrew Boyd (band)
- Brieana Bray (life management)
- Courtnee Briggs (student government)
- James Bright (creative writing)
- Jason Britton (yearbook)
- Michael Bujak (history)
- Lester Burton (band)

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Awards Night Honors Best of 2007

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- Jessica Chapman (outstanding senior project)
 - Shaylin Clark (art)
 - LaRhonda Colvin (co-op internship)
 - Jennifer Dick (calculus; English; French; government)
 - Jessica Dick (calculus; English; government; outstanding senior project)
 - Jessica Donald (band)
 - Yetunde Emanuel (chemistry; co-op internship)
 - Tonio Garrison (art)
 - Audrey Glenn (health occupations)
 - Tiffany Gray (business)
 - Cordis Hayes (art)
 - Edwina Jackson (hospitality & food service)
 - Antoine James (physics)
 - Joy Jendritz (mathematics)
 - Sarah Johnson (health occupations)
 - Nicole Klages (accounting)
 - Steven Krasinski (CAD)
 - Thomas Kuderik (hospitality & food service; outstanding senior project)
 - Garrett Lefler (band)
 - Shanice Lewis (hospitality & food service)
 - Aurielle McCauley (calculus; health occupations)
 - Jessica Mills (biology; psychology)
 - Stacy Mouzon (art)
 - Taviania Myles (marketing)
 - Ryann Norfleet (dance; hospitality & food service)
 - Chad Perkins (art)
 - Jetaun Robinson (band)
 - Angelica Rogers (marketing)
 - La'Joya Rush (band)
 - Amna Sheikh (Spanish)
 - Eric Smith (physical education)
 - Monay Smith (band)
 - Jesse Spicer (outstanding senior project)
 - Kevin Stobbe (economics; journalism)
 - Patrick Sutter (band director's award)
 - Brittany Turner (hospitality & food service)
 - Courtney Turner (physical education)
 - Jaclyn Vanmeer (administrative support; office)
 - Erika Wasson (student government)
 - Dakota Watson (band)
 - Daryl Wilson (auto lab)
 - Theresa Windom (all-around science; health occupations; outstanding senior project)
 - Gary Wogaman (auto tech; robotics)
 - Aleshia Wyatt (health occupations; physical education)
 - Melissa Brewington
 - Michael Bujak
 - Lester Burton
 - Tara Campbell
 - Jennifer Dick
 - Jessica Dick
 - Yetunde Emanuel
 - Leslie Hayes
 - Antoine James
 - Sarah Johnson
 - Nicole Klages
 - Hillrod Lumpkin
 - Aurielle McCauley
 - Jessica Mills
 - Jetaun Robinson
 - Kevin Stobbe
 - Dakota Watson
 - Brittany Wright
- Michigan Merit Scholarships (MEAP-based Awards)**
- Shon Aggison
 - Maurice Anderson
 - Andrew Boyd
 - Miguel Brewer
 - Melissa Brewington
 - Courtnee Briggs
 - Michael Bujak
 - Myka Burley
 - Christopher Burton
 - Lester Burton
 - Anna Bustamante
 - Tara Campbell
 - Carletta Carter
 - Jessica Chapman
 - Katherine Cobb
 - Joshua Dew
 - Jennifer Dick
 - Jessica Dick
 - Jessica Donald
 - Cortez Dyess
 - Yetunde Emanuel
 - Shalayia Frye
 - Tiffany Gray
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 - Leslie Hayes
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 - Antoine James
 - Jessica James
 - Joy Jendritz
 - Sarah Johnson
 - Joseph Kiesznowski
 - Nicole Klages
 - Thomas Kuderik
 - Garrett Lefler
 - Joseph Lewis
 - Alysa Long
 - Kaitlyn Lovenduski
 - Hillrod Lumpkin
 - Aurielle McCauley
 - Kristen McClure
 - Maureen McGlynn
 - Jessica Mills
 - Richelle Mortzfield
 - Tamila Myles
 - Lauren Nierman
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- Jesse Spicer
- Kevin Stobbe
- Patrick Sutter
- Mara Thorne
- Courtney Turner
- Kenesha Upshaw
- Erika Wasson
- Dakota Watson
- Daryl Wilson
- Rachel Wilson
- Shakita Wilson
- Theresa Windom
- Gary Wogaman
- Brittany Wright
- Desirea Yates

Local Scholarships/Awards

- Briana Bray ("Take a Look at Me")
- Jennifer Dick (Detroit Pistons Student Athlete Award; Romulus Association of School Administrators; Romulus Boosters Club; Romulus Rotary Club - Academic / Lovette)
- Jessica Dick (Midwest Scholar Athlete Award / Warner Bros.; Romulus Association of School Administrators; Romulus Boosters Club; Romulus Rotary Club - Academic / Goerke)
- Yetunde Emanuel (Delta Sigma Theta Sorority; Romulus Boosters Club; Special Tree)
- Carissa Franklin (Romulus Mayor's Drug Task Force)
- Shalayia Frye (Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority / Inkster)
- Audrey Glenn (Romulus Mayor's Drug Task Force; Romulus Rotary Club - Vocational)
- Edwina Jackson (Flora Dozier Memorial)
- Antoine James (Lorena Burton Memorial; Romulus Boosters Club)
- Joseph Kiesznowski (Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority / Inkster; Ed Horn Memorial; Romulus Boosters Club)
- Nicole Klages (Ford Motor Company, National Association for the Advancement of Colored People-Detroit Branch, and Floyd Washington, Jr., Career Day & Youth Summit "Essay Competition Scholarship")
- Thomas Kuderik (Aaron Tigner Memorial; Ray Kroc Memorial; Romulus Rotary Club - Vocational)
- Aurielle McCauley (Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority / Southfield; Delta Sigma Theta Sorority; Romulus Boosters Club)
- Jessica Mills ("Brightest & Best"; Flora Dozier Memorial; Romulus Arts Council)
- Amna Sheikh (Flora Dozier Memorial)
- Jesse Spicer (Romulus Education Association)

- Erika Wasson (Romulus Boosters Club)
- Daryl Wilson (Mikey Markus Memorial)
- Shakita Wilson (Romulus Boosters Club)
- Theresa Windom (Public Service Credit Union)
- Brittany Wright (Romulus Education Association; Romulus Rotary Club - Academic / Baum)

College/University Scholarships Awards (incomplete)

- Michael Bujak (University of Detroit Mercy - \$38,115)
- Jessica Chapman (Eastern Michigan University - \$4,800)
- Daniel Cross (Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University - \$10,000)
- Jennifer Dick (Grand Valley State University - \$11,000)
- Jessica Dick (Grand Valley State University - \$8,000)
- Yetunde Emanuel (Loyola University-Chicago - \$30,000; Ohio State University - \$33,950; University of Michigan - \$40,000)
- Tiffany Gray (Oakland University - \$1,500)
- Richelle Mortzfield (Eastern Michigan University - amount not available)
- Devin Searcy (University of Dayton - amount not available)
- Amna Sheikh (Wayne State University - full tuition)
- Monay Smith (Grand Valley State University - \$26,352)
- Kevin Stobbe (Central Michigan University - amount not available)
- Dakota Watson (Lawrence Technological University - \$8,000)
- Shane Wells (Michigan State University - full ride / track & field)
- Theresa Windom (Eastern Michigan University - \$4,800; Saginaw Valley State University - \$4,000; University of Detroit Mercy - \$38,115) □

RHS Valedictorians

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Jessica Dick

Like her sister, Jessica Dick earned outstanding grades (4.0682 GPA) while maintaining an impressive schedule of school and extracurricular activities. Besides her involvement in the National Honor Society, Quiz Bowl Team, Drama Club, Class Council, Student Government, Symphonic Band, Concert Band, and school newspaper, she also participated in leadership camps and played varsity softball, tennis, and volleyball.

Jessica, who would like to become a preschool teacher and small-business owner, plans to attend Grand Valley State University to study early childhood education and business. □

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sustained traumatic brain/spinal cord or other life-threatening injuries. The competitive scholarships are based on a student's academic achievement, community involvement, school activities, references, and interest in a health-care or rehabilitation career.

Emanuel plans to use her scholarship at Ohio State University, which she will attend this fall. □



Special Tree's Rebecca Plenchette (left) presented Romulus High School senior Yetunde Emanuel with a 2007 Health Care and Rehabilitation Scholarship at the RHS Senior Awards Banquet, held on May 16.

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Community Calendar

- **Friday Night Family Fun** – The City of Romulus Department of Parks and Recreation is partnering with the Romulus Wesleyan Church to present Friday Family Fun Night featuring euchre and movies in the park. These free events, to be held throughout the month of June, will be held at Mary Ann Banks Park (Five Points in Romulus) beginning at 7 p.m. for the euchre tournaments and dusk for the movies. Be sure to bring a blanket or lawn chair to sit on. Refreshments will be available. *Note that youths must be accompanied by an adult.* For more information, call the Recreation Department (734-941-8665) or Pastor Steve (313-980-1580), or e-mail pastorsteveatrwc@sbcglobal.net.
- **Kids' Summer Reading Program** – The Romulus Public Library (11121 Wayne Road, at Goddard) is inviting area youths of all ages to take part in its annual summer reading program, set for June 4 through July 31. Important program dates include: **Registration** (Monday, June 4), **Musical Mystery Tour** (Tuesday, June 19), **Puppet Show** (Wednesday, June 27), **Basic Yoga Postures** (Tuesday, July 3), **"Tales of the Great Anansi the Spider"** (Wednesday, July 11), **"It's a Mystery"** featuring "The Man of a Thousand Voices" (Tuesday, July 17), **Hands-on Super Science** (Wednesday, July 25), **Deadline for Recording Reading Time** (Friday, July 27), and **"Awards Party"** (Tuesday, July 31). For more information about this free program, call 734-942-7589.
- **Bike Show** – DAAMC's first annual bike show – sponsored by AM Leather (30759 Eureka, Taylor) – will be held on Saturday, June 9. Entry fees are \$10 per category (Best of Show, Best Classic, Best Street, and Best Rat). First- and second-place trophies will be awarded for each category. Sign-up will begin at 11 a.m., judging at 3 p.m., and award presentations at 4 p.m. Food and beverages will be available for purchase. For more information, call 734-942-8652.
- **Summer Storytime** – Children ages 3–5 are invited to take part in the Romulus Public Library's Summer Storytime program. Parents may choose between evening sessions, which will meet at 6:30 p.m. each Tuesday from June 19 through July 24, or morning sessions, set for 10:30 a.m. each Wednesday from June 20 through July 25. Although the program is free, space is limited, so early registration is strongly suggested. For more information, or to register, call 734-942-7589.
- **Vacation Bible School** – Maranatha Baptist Church (6250 Gilmore, Belleville) will host "Take the Plunge! Make a splash with Jesus!" the week of June 25–29. These fun-filled, educational classes – open to children in grades kindergarten through six – will meet each day from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. For more information, call Chad Brendtke at 734-796-3700.
- **Summer Recreation Programs** – The City of Romulus Department of Parks and Recreation will be offering summer recreation programs for preschoolers (June 25–August 3), elementary-age children (June 25–August 3), and middle-/high-school students (July 2–August 3). For more information, watch for our June 15 issue or pick up a flyer at the Recreation Office (11189 Shook Road).
- **Flea Market** – The Romulus Historical Society will hold its annual Flea Market at Romulus Historic Park (next to the post office on Hunt near Goddard) on Saturday, June 30, from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Food and refreshments will be available. Vendor spaces are \$15 each (must provide own table). For more info, contact Gloria Chandler (734-941-2678).
- **"Second Monday" Book Club** – Meetings of the Romulus Public Library's Second Monday Book Club – open to everyone 18 and older – are held at the Romulus Public Library (11121 Wayne Road, south of Goddard) from 7 to 8:15 p.m. on the second Monday of each month. Advance registration is not required; just read the suggested book, then drop in. Books planned for upcoming discussions include **A Suitable Vengeance** by Elizabeth George (June 11), **Never Cry Wolf** by Farley Mowat (July 9), **Irish Lace** by Andrew Greeley (August 13), and **Middlesex** by Jeffrey Eugenides (September 10). For more info, call 734-942-7589 during the library's regular hours: Monday through Thursday from 10 a.m. to 8 p.m.; Friday from 12 to 5 p.m.
- **Horseshoe Pitchers' Association Opens** – The Wolverine State Horseshoe Pitcher's Association season is open, and anyone, regardless of skill level, is qualified to pitch in its tournaments. Membership in the WSHPA is \$30 per year, with an additional \$10 entry fee per tournament. There is also a **free** horseshoe league that meets on Tuesday evenings. The Romulus Horseshoe Club is located in Elmer Johnson Park (9755 Ozga). For more info, call Mark (313-562-3272) or Larry (734-422-7530).

Sassy Seniors

By Mary E. Clark

Thanks to Romulus Senior Center director Carrie Elder for providing information for the "Sassy Seniors" column. (For more information about events at the Romulus Senior Center, which is located at 36525 Bibbins, please call 734-955-4120.)

Downriver Senior Olympics

Registration forms for the annual Downriver Senior Olympics, which will be held in Romulus the week of July 30–August 3, are currently available at the Senior Center. Sign up for events as varied as shuffleboard, tennis, billiards, bowling, various card games (euchre, pinochle, and bridge), and much more!

Cost to participate varies from \$2 to \$8 per event, plus a registration fee of \$6. Those who would like to attend the awards banquet on August 3 must pay an additional \$13.

Ice-cream Social with Mayor Lambert

Mayor Alan R. Lambert is inviting Romulus senior citizens to join him for an ice-cream social – a sweet "excuse" to visit together and discuss your local government concerns. The event will be held at the Senior Center on Tuesday, June 19, from 1 to 2 p.m.

To ensure that there are plenty of goodies to go around, please call in advance to make your reservation.

Senior FunFest

The Wayne County Senior FunFest will be held on Saturday, June 23 – rain or shine – at the Warrendale picnic site in Hines Park (located on Warren between Telegraph and Ann Arbor Trail).

Sign up at the Center to get your ticket!

Shopping Trips

Romulus seniors can ride the Center's van, free of charge, for shopping at Meijer/Southland on Monday, June 4; at Wal-Mart/Farmer Jack on Monday, June 11; and/or at Kmart on Monday, June 18. (All trips depart at 9:30 a.m.)

Seating is limited; advance registration is required.

Special Trips

The Romulus Senior Center invites local senior citizens to sign up for one or more of the following bus tours:

- **Casino Windsor** (June 5; \$10),
- **Shipshewana** (June 27; \$65),
- **Windsor Raceway** (July 10; \$10),
- **Houghton Lake & Soaring Eagle** (July 23; \$60),
- **Circle a Great Lake** (August 11; \$1,389),
- **Hiawatha** (August 15; \$20),
- **Cornwell Dinner Theater** (September 10; \$70),
- **Windsor Raceway** (September 11; \$10),
- **Grand Mountaineer** (October 7; \$99)

- **Casino Windsor "Special"** (October 16; \$2)
- **Geritol Follies Christmas Show** (November 14; \$92), and
- **Niagara Falls** (December 3; \$350).

Tigers Baseball

If you love the Detroit Tigers, and would like to take a trip to Comerica Park to see them win, sign up for one (or both) of the following games:

- Thursday, June 14, 1 p.m. (vs. Milwaukee Brewers); and
- Thursday, July 5, 1 p.m. (vs. Cleveland Indians).

The bus for both games will depart from the Center at 11 a.m. Seating is limited, so register early.

Scrapbooking/Cardmaking

Scrapbookers of all experience levels are invited to take part in for the Senior Center's upcoming scrapbooking classes, set for 3 p.m. on Thursday, June 7, and Thursday, June 21.

Club #1

This month's Club #1 meetings, which all begin at 11 a.m., include:

- June 5 (meeting, birthdays, games, and a bag lunch),
- June 12 (meeting, games, and a bag lunch),
- June 19 (trip to Cabela's and Bob Evans), and
- June 26 (meeting, bingo, and a bag lunch).

New faces are welcome!

Romulus Red Hat Society

Upcoming gatherings of the Romulus Red Hat Society include:

- "Tea Time" (12 p.m. on Friday, June 8; bring your own cup & pot),
- "Wyandotte Picnic" (departs at 10 a.m. on Friday, June 29; sign up by June 22),
- Meeting (12:30 p.m. on Friday, July 13), and
- "Fashion Show and Grandchildren's Day" (1:30 p.m. on Friday, July 20).

New faces are welcome!

Haircuts

The Romulus Senior Center's next haircut date is set for Monday, June 18, beginning at 10 a.m. If you would like to take advantage of this discount-rate program, call the Center to make an appointment.

Note: Haircut clients are asked to wash their hair before coming to their appointments.

Manicures

The Senior Center's next manicure date is Monday, June 18, at 10 a.m.

Hot Lunches

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Name and phone number of person to contact (in case of questions):

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concerning the wedding or engagement to this form.

The Stork Arrived

Liam Thomas Marvin Foley

Timothy and April Foley of Romulus, Michigan, are proud to announce the arrival of their newborn son, Liam Thomas Marvin Foley.

Liam was born in St. Mary Mercy Hospital (Livonia, MI) at 6:58 p.m. on Monday, May 7, 2007. He weighed 9 lbs. even and measured 21 in.

Welcoming their first grandchild were Liam's paternal grandparents,

Thomas and Mary (Lange) Foley (Sumpster Township, MI). His paternal great-grandparents are Virginia Lange (Van Buren Township, MI) and the late Marvin G. Lange.

Liam's maternal grandparents are Robert and Margerie Taurianen (Louisville, KY) and Robert and Jeri Shearon (Monroe, MI). Sally Sparks (Monroe, MI) is his maternal great-grandmother.

Aryana Grace McCarty

Proudly announcing the birth of their new daughter, Aryana Grace McCarty, are Jody and Shannon McCarty of Romulus, Michigan.

Aryana was born at Mercy Memorial Hospital (Monroe, MI) at 7:43 a.m. on Friday, April 6, 2007, weighing 8 lbs., 8.5 oz., and measuring 21 in.

Especially excited about the new arrival were half brother Ricky Garbacz (age 15) and Brandy Garbacz (14).

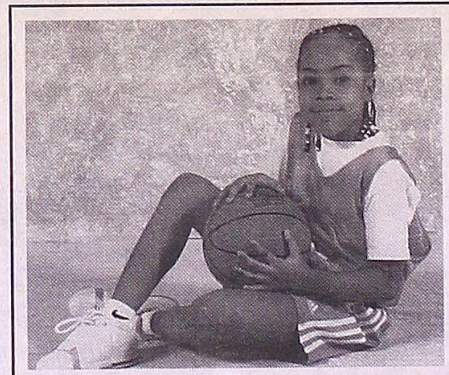
Also giving the new arrival a warm and loving welcome into the family were paternal grandfather Bill McCarty (Monroe, MI) and maternal grandmother Judy Snow (Monroe). □

Congratulations!

Daizha Williams

Congratulations to Daizha Williams, who will celebrate a birthday on June 9 and "graduate" from Cory Elementary School on June 12.

Daizha is the daughter of Rodney and Trenice Williams, and the granddaughter of Barbara J. P. Underwood (who will celebrate her own birthday on June 12), the late Joe Underwood, and Tommie and Beverly Williams. □



Obituary

Celestine Helena "Z" Piskuric

Celestine Helena "Z" Piskuric of Romulus, Michigan, passed away on Friday, May 25, 2007, at the age of 43.

The native of Belleville, Michigan, was born on Friday, November 8, 1963.

"Z" was employed as a real-estate consultant for Keller Williams Realty. A founding member of the Belleville Area Jaycees, she was a very social person who enjoyed traveling (especially "Up North"), fishing, walking her dog, and spending time with her grandson.

Surviving "Z" are two daughters, Christy (Lance Hutchins) Springer (Oxford, MI) and Ashley Parker (Ann Arbor, MI); a grandson, Ian Joseph Hutchins; a brother, Karl Springer (New Boston, MI); her mother-in-law, Donna Jane Piskuric

(Romulus); and her beloved Bouvier dog, Mister.

Among those who predeceased her were her parents, Richard James and Marie (Drager) Springer; her husband, Joseph George Piskuric, Jr. (who passed away in 1984); and her father-in-law, Joseph George Piskuric, Sr.

A funeral service was held on Tuesday, May 29, at the David C. Brown Funeral Home (Belleville). To sign Z's online registry, visit www.davidcbrownfh.com.

Interment was at Michigan Memorial Park (Flat Rock).

Memorial contributions to the Michigan Humane Society would be greatly appreciated by the family. □

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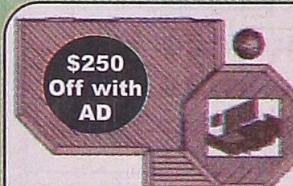
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